FY 1999 Resource Enhancements

Washington

Enhancements in the Fiscal Year 1999 budget for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) include the following increases in Washington:

FY 1999 INS Enhancements in Washington

Location	Current Staff	Increase	Total
Border Patrol Agents			
Blaine Border Patrol Sector	42	7	49
Inspectors			
Seattle District (airport)	98	13	111
TOTAL	140	20	160

Border Patrol Agents

The FY 1999 INS budget provides 1,000 Border Patrol agents who will deployed to strengthen Southwest border operations in the corridors experiencing the most illegal migrant traffic. In response to increased alien smuggling activity and illegal traffic, 22 Border Patrol agent positions, including seven for the Blaine Sector, will be deployed to the northern U.S. border.

Inspectors

The FY 1999 INS budget contains funding for 100 new Inspectors to handle increases in air traffic and maintain passenger processing time at a maximum of 45 minutes. The new Inspectors will be deployed at airports in 11 major cities, including Seattle, and two overseas locations.